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We have been making it a policy to send these lists to you ahead of our regular advertizing season in order to give you first choice and first chance of securing our offerings which are limited in number, before they are offered to the general Public.

Within this list you will find SEVERAL NEW HYBRIDS which we believe are OUTSTANDING and HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED BEFORE, and respectfully suggest that you reserve those you want now as the number available is very limited and we may not have any left to advertise to the general trade.

We do not recomend shipping Orchid Plants until the Winter is over and there is no longer any danger of damage to the plants in transit. Our Experience with shipments via Express during the past two winters has been unsatisfactory and the Express Company has written us saying they cant control the weather so we highly recomend that you let us set aside the plants you want and send them to you as soon as it is safe to do so. The early orders get the largest and best plants available.

In regards to Growing Orchids in the Average Home with the Proper Equipment and enclosed case for them, We certainly do not advise that you attempt it, in spite of what some Magazine Articals tell you.

ORCHIDS ARE NOT GERANIUMS. And most Orchids are native to sections of the World where there is very Humid air Conditions and Temperatures are more uniform than the average Home. Once in a very long time I find some one who is growing orchids, (I should say flowering Orchids) in their home but in every case I have seen the plants are not in as good condition as they would be if grown in a greenhouse or even a Wardian Case.

Orchids do not Grow without proper care no more than most other plants and it always hurts me a little inside to see someone take a plant home and slowly Murder it, even if they dont blame the Nursery man they bought it from. However they usually do blame him.

A good book on Orchid Culture will usually enable one to start off on the right track but EXPERIENCE must be acquired before you can secure the results you see at Florists and at the Orchid Shows.

I think it is a dirty shame that some growers are making misleading statements regarding the requirements of growing Orchids and are really hurting all, every one concerned with the business or pleasure of Growing Orchids. The More Orchids Suceessfully Grown by those who do it as a hobby, the more Orchid Flowers the Florists will sell as more people see them and learn to appreciate their beauty and keeping qualities.

I am always glad, when my time allows it, to give advise or suggestions on any phrase of Orchid Culture but some people expect me to give them a complete course in orchid culture for the price of a postage stamp and frankly I cant afford to do that. If you want the names of any publisher of good orchid books Ill be glad to send them to you. And when you find a question which is not answered in the book, Ill attempt to give you as much information in answer to the question as I can.

In spite of what some people think, Most Orchid Growers are Not Millionairs, they are just common everyday people.

Thanking you for your time required to read this and trusting that you will find something of interest which you will be able to grow successfully, I remain Sincerely

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## NEW ORCHID HYBRID

We Honestly believe this is the first time that this cross has ever been offered to the public, and probably the first time it has ever been successfully made. We tried unsuccessfully several times before we obtained fertile seed.

ONCIDIUM ROGERSII, (A very large flowered type) x Miltonia Spectabilis var. Mooreliana, the deep Purple flowered Variety.

Frankly we do not know what the result will be but it should be a valuable cut flower as both parents are good keepers when cut. We only have a couple of Hundred plants of this cross and we may not be able to secure fertile seed again as two attempts since this seed was planted have proved unsuccessful.

If you are interested in securing this novelty and being one of the few people owning a plant of it, we suggest you order it right away so you will not be dissatisfied.

Plants in 1½ inch pots with two or more bulbs at \$2.00 each.

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### Hybrid Miltonias

These are the large flowered varieties of PANSY ORCHIDS

Plants which have flowered for the first time at \$10.00 each  
These are seedlings of English and French Hybrids and large flowered outstanding Species of Roezlii and Vexillaria.

Colors are variable even from the same cross so we will not be able to list all of the variations but will try to give you your choice in white with various colored markings and pink and lavender shades as long as they are available. Please state second and third choice of color when ordering.

Only Fifty plants of these available so order early.

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Epidendrum OBrienianum and Radican Hybrids. We have many colors and shades in Reds, Crimson, Orange-Red, Orange, Yellow, Lavender, Pink and other colors.

Collection of Three plants of different colors- Offshoot Plants ready to pot, Three plants for \$2.50..... Six plants for \$4.00 single Plants at \$1.00 each.

When ordering please state your choice of color and we will try our best to give you your choice of color but must retain the right to substitute colors if we are out of your choice of color.

These Orchids are among the easiest of all to grow and flower the year around for us here in California. The plants offered here should flower for you within the year.

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### Lycaste Aromatica

#### The Golden Nun Orchid

This is Called the Golden Nun because the Petals are shaped like a Nuns Hood. Flowering Plants at \$1.50 and \$2.50 each.

FRANKLIN W. GAMBLE ORCHID NURSERY 62 Shell Rd. Alto  
Mill Valley California.



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Plants in 1 1/2 inch pots with two or more bulbs at \$2.00 each.

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## Lycaste Atomaria

The Golden Mini Orchid

This is called the Golden Mini because the petals are shaded like a Mini Hood. Flowering plants at \$1.50 and \$2.50 each.

FRANKLIN W. GABLE ORCHID NURSERY 22 Shell Rd. Also Mill Valley California.



CATTLEYA HYBRID SEEDLINGS FOR 1952  
in 1½ inch pots.

Here is something New and something really DIFFERENT.

While a very limited number are available we offer Two crosses of the Rare and unusual Cattleya Aquinii which is described in the American Orchid Bulletin for December 1951 on page 753. These crosses were made to secure some of the beautiful splashed varieties which are so rare and expensive.

|   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| L.C. Princess Margaret x Cattleya Aquinii | each at | \$1.50 |
| C. Gatton Ruby x Cattleya Aquinii         | "       | 1.50   |

Also a limited number of the following are  
available in the 1½ inch pot size. Prices quoted are for single plant.

Laelia Crispa x C. Mossiae Wagnerii. White parents, Crispa has a purple, white bordered lip. ----- \$1.00

L.C. Forty-niner. Both parents YELLOW with purple lips ----- 1.50

C. Hardyana, fine dark variety x C. Rodomont, fine dark. ----- 1.50

L.C. Princess Margaret x C. Hardyana, fine dark Var. ----- 1.50

C. Intermedia x Laelia Lobota. Both parents pure white ----- 1.50

C. Forbesii. an especially fine variety of a rare yellow species which was selfed to produce these seedlings. ----- 1.00

L.C. Callistoglossa. Both parents fine large colored types. --- 1.00

L.C. Martinettii. Should produce a large percentage of BRONZE colored flowers. ----- 1.00

L.C. Luminosa. A Bronze to yellow hybrid with purple lips. ---- 1.00

B.L.C. Afterglow x C. Brussels Alba-Should produce high quality flowers in pastel shades ----- 1.50

L.C. Aphrodite x C. Warnerii var. Amosiana. A white, purple lip var. should produce large numbers of high quality white, p.l. flowers 1.00

L. Purpurata, a white var. with a BLUE\*PURPLE lip crossed to a large Pure white B.C. Empress of Russia ----- 1.50

**SPECIAL OFFER.** The collection of one each of the above fourteen (14) varieties in 1½ inch pots for \$15.00

We have a few larger size Cattleya Hybrid seedlings in other varieties to offer. If you are interested please send for the list.

FRANKLIN W. GAMBLE ORCHID NURSERY  
62 Shell Road - Alto- Mill Valley California.







SPECIAL OFFER OF HYBRID CATTLEYA SEEDLINGS  
in Two to Two and one-half inch Pots

Listed below are the Crosses and the expected result of the cross. These plants are all over 6 inches in height of the largest bulb and leaf.

- B.C. Heatonensis, White to light Lavender Brasses. Summer flowers.
- C. Cooksonii. Large light to dark Lavender flowers during the winter.
- B.C. British Queen x B.C. Maronae. very large flowers, variable.
- L.C. Canhamiana. Profilic Whites with Purple lips. Spring season
- C. Empress Frederick. Large Dark Colored flowers. late Spring.
- L.C. Monte Rosa. Prolific Pure Whites with yellow throats. variable.
- L.C. Plymouth x C. Edithae var. White Empress. Whites and Creams.
- C. Harrisonae Special Purple-Violet x C. Warnerii-Dark Colored.
- C. Falco. Medium to Dark colored flowers .variable season.
- L.C. Aphrodite. From White ,purple lipped parents. Spring flowering.

The above plants in 2 to 2½ inch pots, over six inches tall are \$2.50 each or the collection of ten varieties for \$20.00

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If you are interested in Flowering size Cattleyas please write us telling us what you have in mind and we will give you a special Quotation. We do not sell plants which we know to be culls and while the size and quality of the flower depends a lot on the care the plant has recieved and the condition it is in at the time of flowering, the plants of flowering size that we offer are actually divisions of plants we are growing ourselves as Cut-flowers or for Breeding purposes.

Cattleya Mossiae, Trianae, Labiata, Harrisonae etc are \$5.00 and up per plant depending on the size of the Plant and the Quality of the flowers.

Cattleya Hybrids are priced at \$5.00- \$7.50- 10.00 for average cut-flower Quality, the size depending on the size of the plant and number of leads.

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- 62 SHELL ROAD - Alto  
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## DENDROBIUMS

Dendrobium Phalaenopsis. These beautiful spray type orchids grow under Cattleya Conditions but never should be dried out as severely as Cattleyas

We offer the Regular type of Dendrobium Phalaenopsis in shades of Lavender and Purple, plants flowering size in average height of 24 to 30 inches. \$ 5.00 --- 7.50 -- and 10.00 each depending on number of bulbs and leads.

We also have a few plants to offer of the Rare Dendrobium Phalaenopsis variety Compactum which produces flowers similar to the regular type but does not grow over 10 inches tall and is more suitable for growing in wardian cases. \$10.00 each

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Dendrobium Gibsonii. We offer a few young plants of flowering size about 24 inches tall. These produce yellow flowers. Easy to grow. ----- \$5.00 and 7.50 each.

### Dendrobium Hybrid Seedlings.

We offer two varieties of Nobile Hybrids, both of which should be easier to flower than the Nobile species is that is imported.

Dendrobium Nobile var. Cooksonianum x Dend. Superbum, very large dark purple variety. So far these seedlings have the upright growth of Nobile. The flowers should be much larger than Nobile and the plants more vigorous. Plants in 1½ inch pots \$1.50 each

Dendrobium Nobile x Dend. Hildebrandtii. This cross has been made before and is named Dendrobium Wiganianum. We don't know what the result will be but expect it to be very interesting and beautiful. Plants in 1½ inch pots at \$1.50 each.

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## Cymbidium Seedlings

We offer the following two Crosses which were made in Australia.

Cymb. Delphine. the cross of Ceres var. F.J. Hanbury and Lowianum var. Concolor. This Ceres is red colored and Concolor is greenish-yellow. Plants in 2 to 2½ inch pots at \$1.00 each. Community pots of 15 or more plants at \$10.00 per pot.

Cymb. Anthony x Cymb. Pauwellsii-special Red variety. This Anthony is a deep pink in color. Plants in 2 to 2½ inch pots at \$1.00 each. Community pots of 15 or more plants at \$10.00 per pot.

If you are interested in Flowering size Cymbidiums please write us for a special offer on what you want. We have many colors and types.

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32 Shell Road- Alto  
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### Community Pots of Orchid Seedlings

The numbers of plants in each pot varies according to the size of the plants which in turn varies with the variety, some varieties are faster growing than others. The number per pot varies from ten to Twenty-five plants, the larger plants being the same size as those in 1½ inch pots.

| Name of variety or cross                            | Expected color                | Price per C.P. |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cattleya Hybrids</b>                             |                               |                |
| L.C. Canhamiana Alba                                | White, Colored lip.           | \$5.00         |
| L. Purpurata Rose x C. Schilleriana-                | Unusual Colors                | 5.00           |
| C. Harrisonae, special purple violet x C. Warnerii- | Dark                          | 5.00           |
| C. Mossiae x C. Intertexta                          | Dark colors                   | 5.00           |
| L.C. Fascinator Alba.                               | White, colored lip.           | 5.00           |
| C. Enid x C. Heyday                                 | Lavender shades               | 5.00           |
| L.C. Martinettii                                    | Lavender, bronze shades       | 5.00           |
| L. Crispa -white x C. Mossiae Wagnerii-             | White Colored lip.            | 5.00           |
| L.C. Luminosa                                       | Yellow and Bronze shades      | 5.00           |
|   |                               |                |
| L.C. Princess Margaret x C. Aquinii                 | Splashed varieties            | 10.00          |
| C. Gattton Ruby x C. Aquinii                        | Darker Splashed varieties     | 10.00          |
| L.C. Aphrodite x C. Warnerii var. Amesiana-         | White P.L.                    | 7.50           |
| L.C. Archdeacon                                     | choice dark colored varieties | 7.50           |
| C. Intermedia x L. Lobata-                          | both parents pure white       | 7.50           |
| L.C. Callistoglossa                                 | colored varieties             | 5.00           |
| C. Forbesii ,fine var. selfed.                      | Rare yellow species           | 7.50           |
|   |                               |                |
| <b>Dendrobiums.</b>                                 |                               |                |
| Dend. Nobile x Dendrobium Superbum                  | larger, darker flowers        | 10.00          |

We do not have many community pots to offer this year and suggest you order as soon as possible and state if you wish a substitution in case we are sold out of those you want. ----. in some cases where we have notified a customer that we were sold out of a variety he wanted, by the time we had recieved his reply we were also sold out of the substitute he wanted.

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62 Shell Road - Alto  
Mill Valley California







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To FRANKLIN W. GAMBLE ORCHID NURSERY  
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Please send me the following plants:

| Variety | Number of Plants | Size Pots | Price |
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Total Amount Enclosed  
plus Sales Tax if you live in Calif.

Ship the Above plants on or about \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ship via      Railway Express      Air Express  
 (please check which desired)

Send Plants to

Name.....

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City.....

State .....

If you live in California please give the name of your County as we have to notify your county agricultural Inspector when they are shipped in order that he make arrangements to inspect them upon arrival.

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